



Police and Crime Commissioner
Northumbria



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird and Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project, named Operation Encompass: The Next Steps, aims to educate children and young people about healthy relationships.

The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and empathy and rules and expectations, so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers (SSLO) who will:

- Work with our teachers to deliver an age appropriate session exploring friendships /relationships/emotions
- Be available in school at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships

Our first session, with Key Stage 2 children, will be held on Thursday 13th June.

Prior to this session from 8.30 am, our SSLO, Laura Millar, will be available for a confidential drop-in session for any adults that may feel they would like advice with regards to domestic violence. Laura is trained and experienced in offering support, information and advice to adults, as well as children.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our families and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community.

Signed

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Head Teacher

